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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FAHMY RE UNEF MANDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. BEFORE SADAT CAME IN LAST NIGHT, I HAD A BRIEF EX-CHANGE WITH FAHMY ON HIS EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE UNEF MANDATE. HE RAISED THE SUBJECT. FAHMY WAS OBVIOUSLY STILL SMARTING OVER YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT ON HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND SAID THAT, AS HE HAD EARLIER WARNED MAESTRONE, HE WOULD PUBLICLY HAVE HAD TO REBUT ANY OTHER SUCH PUBLIC COMMENT BY LETTING IT BE KNOWN WE WERE ADVISED AT LEAST THREE WEEKS AGO OF THE EGYPTIAN INTENTION RE UNEF.

2. I TOLD FAHMY THAT, AS HE SURELY MUST UNDERSTAND, HIS SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD PUT YOU IN AN AWKWARD POSITION. YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT IN REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS WAS THE VERY MINIMUM THAT YOU COULD SAY IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT IMPUGNING YOUR ROLE AS IMPARTIAL FRIEND OF BOTH PARTIES TRYING TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT. NO ONE QUESTIONED GOE'S RIGHT TO TAKE THE ACTION IT DID, BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD COME AT A MOST UNFORTUNATE TIME WHEN YOU WERE IN THE MIDST OF HIGHLY SENSITIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE

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ISRAELIS IN EGYPT'S BEHALF. THE SURPRISE

ANNOUNCEMENT COULD HAVE DERAILED THOSE TALKS AND THE FACT THAT IT DID NOT DO SO WAS DUE MAINLY TO YOUR EFFORTS AND THE BALANCED POSITION YOU HAD ADOPTED. APART FROM THIS, I HAD TO TELL HIM THAT I, TOO, HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT HIS ANNOUNCEMENT. WHILE WE HAD INDEED BEEN APPRISED BEFOREHAND OF THE POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN SCENARIO, I WOULD HAVE THOUGH IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR EXCHANGES HE WOULD HAVE CONSULTED WITH US BEFORE MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT. THIS WOULD HAVE PLACED YOU IN A LESS EMBARRASSING POSITION.

3. FAHMY RECALLED HIS TELEPHONE CALL TO ME ON JULY 14 INDICATING SYG WALDHEIM WOULD BE INFORMED THE FOLLOWING DAY (CAIRO 6900). I SAID I HAD REPORTED THIS IMMEDIATELY, BUT HE HAD SAID NOTHING TO ME AT THAT TIME THAT HE WOULD MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THE NEXT DAY. SOMEWHAT SHEEPISHLY, FAHMY ADMITTED THAT THIS WAS SO. HE THEN CLAIMED THAT WORD WOULD HAVE LEAKED OUT ONCE SYG WALDHEIM WAS INFORMED AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, "NEW CIRCUMSTANCES" HAD ARISEN ON JULY 15 MAKING IT DESIRABLE TO DO SO. SPECIFICALLY, RABIN, AFTER HIS TALK WITH YOU, HAD PUBLICLY STATED THAT THERE WAS NO HURRY ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THEY MIGHT CONTINUE FOR MONTHS. THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO EGYPT AND SADAT AND HE HAD DECIDED SOME COUNTER PRESSURE WAS NEEDED. HAD I BEEN HERE, HE CLAIMED, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT IT IN ADVANCE, BUT THINGS HAD MOVED SO QUICKLY ON JULY 15 THAT HE INADVERTENTLY OVERLOOKED DOING SO. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE TO HIM THAT RABIN'S STATEMENT WAS NOT A REFLECTION OF YOUR TALKS WITH THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER AND THAT YOUR WHOLE EFFORT HAD FOCUSED ON PRESSING FOR EXPEDITIOUS ACTION.

4. FAHMY MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT HIS APPRECIATION OF YOUR EFFORTS AND OBSERVED HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED YOU ABOUT HOW EGYPTIANS WANT TO PROCEED. I SAID I KNEW OF HIS MESSAGE AND THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH SC PRESIDENT ON THE MATTER.

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